(घ) पंजाब प्रदूषण नियंत्रण बोर्ड द्वारा लोगों में जागरुकता पैदा करने के लिए कार्यक्रम चलाए गए हैं।

RBI directives to foreign banks for re-orientation of their lending policy

*348. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Reserve Bank of India has issued any directives to the foreign banks operating in the country to re-orient their lending policy;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether these directives have been implemented by the foreign banks; and

(d) whether it is a fact that some foreign banks are not following the directives of the Reserve Bank of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (d) The directives issued by the Reserve Bank of India under the Banking Regulation Act prescribing the lending rates are applicable to all Scheduled Commercial Banks, including foreign banks operating in India. These directives are mandatory and the banks are bound to comply with the same. The Reserve Bank of India has, however, dadvised the foreign banks operating in India to progressively improve upon their priority sector lending.

Organisations/persons prohibited to receive foreign contribution

*349. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 345 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1989 and state:

(a) what are the names of the organisations/persons which have been prohibited under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 from accepting any foreign contribution and also of those organisations/persons required to obtain prior permission before accepting any foreign contribution; and

(b) whether an amendment is under consideration of Government to tighten the provisions of the Act; if so, on what lines?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) The names and addresses of the organisations/persons who have been prohibited under section 10(a) of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 are enclosed in the enclosed statement. (*See* below) The names and addresses of the organisations/persons which are required to obtain prior permission under section 5(1), 6(1) and 10(b) before accepting any foreign contribution are enclosed in Annexure-II. [*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No. 167].

(b) Yes, Sir. The aim is to make the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 more effective to regulate the foreign contribution and to check misutilisation thereof.

Statement

List of associations persons who were prohibited from accepting any foreign contribution under section 10(a) of FCR(R) Act.

1. Rural Action in Development, Cuddapah, Distt. (Andhra Pradesh).
2. Bhopal Technical & Vocational Training Centre, E-2/114, Area Colony, Bhopal (M.P.).
3. Beracah Christian Mission, Tiruchy (Tamil Nadu).
4. Siloam Christian Aid Mission (P) Ltd., Tiruchty (Tamil Nadu).
5. Action for Peoples Participation and Environment Care, A-62, Ashoka Marine Drive, Ernakulam, Cochin, Kerala.